

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on March 24, 2009 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson (Arrived at 7:35)
John Maycock, Clerk
Gary McLeod
Michael Rell, Alternate

Members Absent: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Susan O'Brien
Bette Botticello, Alternate
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Maycock called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on March 13, 2009.

APPLICATION NO. 3670-09. Tina and Peter Spangenberg seeking to replace the existing kitchen window at 15 Old Pewter Lane.

Tina LaMorte and Peter Spangenberg of 15 Old Pewter Lane appeared before the Commission. Mr. Spangenberg stated that the window would be a quad bay casement window by Alside. It would be white vinyl and have no muntins.

Commissioner Hart asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Gary Vivian of 43 Old Pewter Lane spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Hart asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3668-09. Gregory and Karen Candee seeking to demolish an existing garage and construct a two (2) story garage, a mudroom, and a sunroom at 148 Garden Street. (Tabled from the February 24, 2009 and March 10, 2009 meetings. The last date to act is March 24, 2009.)

Karen Candee of 148 Garden Street appeared before the Commission. Mrs. Candee stated that the property had been staked out per the request of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hart asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3669-09. Joe Byrne seeking to 1) enclose the existing screened porch attached to the garage; 2) construct an 8' x 8' addition to the garage; 3) install a 6' stockade fence with gate;

and 4) install a hot tub at 90 Broad Street. (Tabled from the March 10, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is April 28, 2009)

Joe Byrne of 90 Broad Street and Gary Vivian of 43 Old Pewter Lane appeared before the Commission. Mr. Vivian stated to the Commission that the copper roofing will meet the roofing on the garage. It will also include copper gutters to match the roof material. He also stated that they were proposing a change to the rear door. They would like to put in a single pane door instead of the double pane door that was originally proposed.

Commissioner Hart asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Kathryn Senk of 95 Broad Street spoke in favor of the application through written correspondence dated March 3, 2009.

Vinnie Carbone of 25 Garden Street spoke in favor of the application through written correspondence dated March 9, 2009.

Jack McNamara of 182 Broad Street spoke in favor of the application through written correspondence dated March 23, 2009.

Paula McNamara of 182 Broad Street spoke in favor of the application through written correspondence dated March 23, 2009.

Commissioner Hart asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

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Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, and seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing and open the public meeting on all applications.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3670-09. Tina and Peter Spangenberg seeking to replace the existing kitchen window at 15 Old Pewter Lane.

Upon motion by Commissioner McLeod, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner McLeod stated that the application will have a minimal impact on the District and will be more efficient.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3668-09. Gregory and Karen Candee seeking to demolish an existing garage and construct a two (2) story garage, a mudroom, and a sunroom at 148 Garden Street. (Tabled from the February 24, 2009 and March 10, 2009 meetings. The last date to act is March 24, 2009.).

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations.

1. All trim, siding, gutters, and foundation shall match the existing materials.
2. The windows on the sunroom shall be aluminum clad.

Discussion

Commissioner Rell stated that the changes will be an improvement to the property.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

APPLICATION NO. 3669-09. Joe Byrne seeking to 1) enclose the existing screened porch attached to the garage; 2) construct an 8' x 8' addition to the garage; 3) install a 6' stockade fence with gate; and 4) install a hot tub at 90 Broad Street. (Tabled from the March 10, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is April 28, 2009)

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The siding and trim shall match the existing on the garage.

Discussion

Commissioners Hart and McLeod were both concerned about the look of the copper roofing and gutters.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, Rell

Nay: McLeod

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: March 10, 2009

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commission Maycock and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Kristin Stearley reported that there will be a Land Use Board meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Community Room at the Wethersfield Police Department, 250 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Correspondence

None.

Executive Session

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to go into Executive Session at 8:20 pm to discuss pending litigation.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to exit Executive Session at 8:34 pm.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock and seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Aye: Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Rell

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk